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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: KAPUOO ASSASSINATION

1. PRIME MINISTER BOTHA RETURNED TO CAPE TOWN LATE YESTERDAY, MARCH 28, AFTER A QUICK STOP TO NAMIBIA TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND OFFICIALS IN THE WAKE OF CLEMENS KAPUOO'S ASSASSINATION. BOTHA HELD TALKS AT WINDHOEK'S J.G. STRIDOM AIRPORT WITH DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE, ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN, THE DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, SENIOR DEFENSE FORCE OFFICERS AND TOP PUBLIC SERVANTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BOTHA WILL BRIEF THE CABINET TODAY ON THE SITUATION.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED NO NEW STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT INDICATING WHO THE KILLERS MIGHT BE OR DRAWING ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER GAVE A SPEECH LAST NIGHT, MARCH 28, IN BLOEMFONTEIN IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO EFFORTS BY SOUTH AFRICA'S ENEMIES TO "BRING IT TO ITS

KNEES" BY UNDERMINING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF ITS
PEOPLE, BUT JUDGING BY EXCERPTS IN THEPRESS AND ON
SABC RADIO, HE DID NOT REFER TO THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION
IN GENERAL OR KAPUUO'S DEATH IN PARTICULAR. AN SABC
RADIO COMMENTARY MARCH 28 DID, HOWEVER, DRAW THE CONCLUSION
THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS THE WORK OF SWAPO AND IT
DESCRIBED WESTERN GOVERNMENT REACTIONS AS "PLATITUDINOUS."
THE COMMENTARY ASSERTED THAT THE WESTERN REACTION
REFLECTED THEIR REFUSAL TO FACE THE FACT THAT " THE ONLY
SETTLEMENT SWAPO IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IS ITS OWN."
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